# STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Mary J. Egr Edson Tax Commissioner



## IMPORTANT WITHHOLDING NOTICE

# State Income Tax Withholding Required On Pension And Annuity Payments When Federal Withholding Occurs

### **Magnetic Media Filing Encouraged**

**STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING ON PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES.** Legislative Bill 216, enacted by the 2005 Legislature, changes the state income tax withholding provisions for pension and annuity payments made to Nebraska residents effective for **payments made on and after January 1, 2006.** 

Prior law had made state income tax withholding on such payments voluntary upon request of the annuitant or payee. LB 216 now requires that withholding for state tax occur whenever the recipient has federal withholding taken from a pension or annuity payment.

For **periodic payments** of pensions and annuities, the withholding is figured in the same manner as withholding from wages. Payors are to use the same number of allowances and marital status as claimed by the payee on the Federal Form W-P, Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments, filed with the payor. Use the appropriate payroll period in the *1998 Nebraska Circular EN* to coincide with the type of periodic payment (i.e., monthly, quarterly), together with the applicable withholding allowances and marital status to compute the amount to withhold for state income tax purposes.

**Nonperiodic payments or eligible rollover distributions** subject to either the mandatory 10 percent or 20 percent federal rate will withhold at a rate of five percent (5%) for state income tax purposes.

Payees choosing to **not** have federal tax withheld are not required to have state income tax withheld. Alternatively, a taxpayer may also request to have **additional** state tax withheld. Payors are to advise payees how to communicate such request(s).

**MAGNETIC MEDIA REPORTING.** The Department encourages employers/payors to file via magnetic media. This includes the Nebraska copies of Forms W-2, 1099-R, 1099-MISC, and W-2G.

Be sure to file Form 4419N with the Department. See the following Information Guides on our Web site at http://www.revenue.ne.gov for more information:

- Nebraska Computer Reporting Procedure, for Wage & Tax Statement, Form W-2 (21MMREF)
- Nebraska Computer Reporting Procedure, for Forms 1099-MISC, 1099-R, & W-2G (21CM)
- W-2 and 1099 Magnetic Media Filers Updates

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#### FOR NEBRASKA TAX ASSISTANCE

#### For All Tax Programs Except Motor Fuels

Contact your regional office or call 1-800-742-7474 (toll free in NE and IA)

or 1-402-471-5729

Nebraska Department of Revenue Web site address: www.revenue.ne.gov A copy of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights is available by calling any of our regional offices or visiting our Web site.

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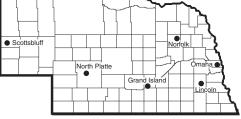
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For Motor Fuels tax programs only call toll free 1-800-554-3835 (Lincoln residents call 471-5730).

**Hearing-impaired individuals** may call the Text Telephone (TT) at 1-800-382-9309. TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) is designated by the use of "TT," which is consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act.